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TITLE: MULTI-FUNCTIONAL CONVERTIBLE TRANSPORT CART

AMENDMENT "A"

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 3, 2004, a response being due with a three-month extension of time by May 3, 2005, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, previous Claims 1 - 20 have been canceled and new Claims 21 - 33 substituted. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the forgoing amendments and remarks, is respectfully requested. The present amendments have been entered for the purpose of placing the application into a proper condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, it was indicated that Claims 1, 11 - 13, 15 - 16 and 19 - 20 were rejected as being obvious over the Dahl patent in view of the Ware patent. Claims 2 - 3 were rejected as being obvious over the Dahl patent in view of the Ware patent. Claims 5 - 8, 10 and 17 - 18 were rejected as being obvious over the Dahl patent in view of the Lee patent. Importantly, the Examiner indicated that Claims 4, 9 and 14 are "objected to" as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form.

Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's with respect to the prior art rejections, Applicant is desirous of securing patent protection for the present invention at an early date. As such, Applicant has placed those "objected to" claims into a proper condition for allowance.

In particular, new independent Claim 21 incorporates the limitations of previous independent Claim 1, along with the limitations of objected-to Claim 4 and intervening Claims 2 and 3. Dependent Claims 22 - 25 correspond, respectively, to the limitations of previous dependent Claims 5 - 8.

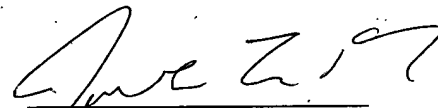
New independent Claim 26 incorporates the limitations of objected-to Claim 9, along with the limitations of base Claim 1 and intervening Claims 7 and 8. As such, Claim 26 should now be in a proper condition for allowance. Dependent Claims 27 - 30 correspond, respectively, to the limitations of previous dependent Claims 10 - 13.

New independent Claim 31 incorporates the limitations of objected-to Claim 14, along with the limitations of base Claim 1 and intervening Claim 11. As such, Claim 31

should now be in a proper condition for allowance. Dependent Claims 32 and 33 correspond, respectively, to the limitations of previous dependent Claims 15 - 16.

Based upon the foregoing analysis, Applicant contends that independent Claims 21, 26 and 31 are now in proper condition for allowance. Additionally, those claims, which are dependent upon these independent claims, should also be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims at an early date is requested. Since no new claims have been added above those originally paid for, no additional fee is required.

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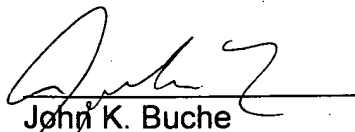
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I hereby certify that on this May 3, 2005 the attached correspondence comprising AMENDMENT "A" is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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